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wise a set of Experiments on what are called the "sweet springs."—Thanks, and a request for continuance of correspondence.

Dr. Bond proposed: "That each member before taking his seat . . . or voting . . . shall pay £15."

*A plan for incorporating the Society* to be prepared by Smith, Duffield and Biddle.

[No minutes exist (either rough or written out) of any subsequent meeting until]

1780. *Feb'y* 17. (Rittenhouse and 9 others present.)

When "the Society finding it necessary to have a regular place of meeting, it was moved and seconded that a Committee be appointed to enquire where a proper lot could be obtained for building a Hall for the Society, or whether any house or lot already appropriated for public purposes, similar to those of this Society could be obtained; Dr. Bond, Mr. Wilson & Dr. Smith were appointed a committee to make the necessary enquiries on this subject & to report as soon as they can."

Dr. Ewing having objected his occupations, Timothy Matlack was appointed to make the annual oration in which thanks should be paid to the Legislature if the pending bill for incorporating the Society were granted.

1780. *Feb'y* 25. (Rittenhouse and 9 others present.)

The Bill of incorporation was read; and a blank left for *real* estate, was on motion filled with these words: "ten thousand bushels of wheat  $\text{per annum}$  or value thereof."

A Committee was also appointed to deal with members of the Assembly to endeavor to have leave out certain words from a proviso added by the Assembly, requiring sundry

officers of the Society to be persons resident in this Commonwealth, capable “of holding civil offices within the same,” as too great a restraint on the election of officers.\*

1780. *March 3.* (Dr. Bond and 11 others present.)

The Committee of search were directed to enquiring respecting Mr. Logan’s testamentary disposition of his library; while they were enquiring for a site for a Hall.

A Committee was appointed to urge the substitution of a definite clause for the obnoxious one respecting the election of President, V. President, Secretary, Curator, Treasurer or Member of Council, viz., the words “who is not capable of electing & being elected to civil offices *within the State in which he shall reside.*”

1780. *March 7.* (7 present.)

The two Committees reported progress only, but nothing definitely accomplished.

1780. *April 7.*

The place of meeting seems to have been in the University.

The Act of incorporation had been passed, but no notes of the date of the vote are found in the minutes, which state that this is the first meeting subsequent thereto.

A motion for a Law was proposed by the Curator, Col. Lewis Nicòla, and laid on the table for future discussion.

A paper on English accent, &c., by Monsieur Corse was read.

The Committee on Room was directed to apply for the use of the Library room in Carpenters’ Hall.

Col. Nicòla was directed to add blank sheets in one of the

\* Evidently pointing directly to the case of such a President as Jefferson.

Vols. of the Transactions to receive the members' signatures in compliance with the new laws.

A Committee was desired to ask the Silk Society to have its stock appropriated for the use of the Philosophical Society.

Another Committee was appointed "to form a plan for encreasing the stock of this Society, and to arrange the economy thereof."

The Curators were directed to call upon Dr. Ewing for the seal and to deposit it in the Cabinet.

1780. *April 11.* (3 present.)

Col. Nicola's two resolutions were read and passed, respecting fees and signatures.

Mr. Coombe was invited to attend the next meeting.

A treasurer was nominated and his duties defined.

The Silk Factory fund was placed under the care of Dr. Smith and Mr. Biddle.

Donations were ordered to be solicited for the purpose of building.

It was proposed to build in company with the City Library. It was proposed to join with the Library in purchasing Carpenters' Hall,—Widow Steel's lot,—Dr. Franklin's lot in Arch street,—State House yard,—Hamilton's lot in Third street.

It was proposed to sell the Observatory and build a new one.

It was ordered to meet for the present in Carpenters' Hall.

1780. *May 19.* (10 present.)

The Curators' prepared copy of a Vol. of Trans. with blank leaves was exhibited; and it was ordered to engross the Fundamental Laws, and Act of Incorporation, and thereafter a preamble of members' obligation.

Ten shillings in specie was fixed as the members' fee. "Specie agreeable to the laws, or the value thereof as specie may sell at the time of subscribing."

A committee was appointed to call on the members;—to pay Styner & Cist's printing bill for the anniversary oration;—and to send copies to subscribing members.

1780. *June 16.* (Bond and 13 present.)

(President Reed and the Chevalier de la Luzerne also present.)

Mr. Matlack read a paper on the growth of trees from the bud downwards.

A letter from Washington respecting his election, was received.

The Curators were requested to remove the Society's effects from the University to Carpenter's Hall.

1780. *July 21.* (7 present.)

A list of subscribing members and the sums collected was presented, and the latter delivered to Mr. Rittenhouse to hand to the Treasurer. [*Amount left blank in the Minutes.*]

An order passed to pay for printing Matlack's oration.

1780. *October 6.* (8 present.)

John Beale Boardley (of Md.)'s letter on the effects of Cold on Trees, read.

\$12.00 ordered in favor of Col. L. Nicola.

Jos. Fawcett requested to advertise the meetings.

1780. *November 17.* (4 present.)

Essay on insects noxious to young chickens (Anonymous) read.

1780. *December 1.* (6 present.)

Origin of obituary notices; appointment of a Committee "to draught a law for introducing that precedent into an established custom, with this Society." [Curious minute.]

1780. *December 15.* (11 present.)

Meeting presided over by Gov. Joseph Reed.

Isaac Gray on a proliferous plant.

“Mr. Nicola communicated a paper containing some proposals for erecting Committees of their members in the different States under certain regulations.” [Laid on the table; no explanation in the minutes.]

Mr. Biddle requested to deliver the annual oration.

1781. *Jany. 5. Election.* (*Carpenters' Hall.*)

Dr. Franklin unanimously elected, . . . . *President.*  
 Bond, Rittenhouse and Jas. Wilson, . . . *Vice prests.*  
 Ewing, Owen Biddle, Matlack and White, . *Secs.*  
 Nicola, Duffield and DuSimitière, . . . . *Curators.*  
 Hopkinson, . . . . . *Treasurer.*

Geo. Bryan,	}	<i>Councillors for 3 years.</i>
Thos. McKean,		
D. Marbois [ <i>sic</i> ],		
Ch. Thompson,		
Rev <sup>d</sup> Duffield,	}	<i>2 years.</i>
Gov <sup>r</sup> . Livingston,		
Gov <sup>r</sup> . Jefferson,		
Dr. Witherspoon,		
Dr. Ezra Stiles,	}	<i>1 year.</i>
Mat. Clarkson,		
Jon. B. Smith,		
John Lukens,		

1781. *Jan. 19.*—(21 present.)

LaFayette, Ebenezer Hazard, Jared Ingersoll and four other new members elected.

1781. *Feb'y 2.*—Too small attendance for business; adjourned to 1781, Feb'y 6, Tuesday.